

2013 TWENTY-FOURTH PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR - OVERVIEW

In February the Professional Division celebrated its first self-designed Professional Seminar, themed “*Transformational Change: New Perspectives on Consciousness*.” This, the 24th Professional Seminar, deftly conducted by Barbara Bullard, featured an excellent speaker line-up, a successful silent auction fundraiser, an intensive Guided Exploration Day, and further reorganization group processes designed to move the Professional Division toward a greater autonomy. Attendees honored recently retired Skip Atwater with a scholarship in his name to aid US military veterans to attend the Gateway Voyage. In memory of Bob Monroe’s brother Emmett Monroe, and in honor of Emmett and his wife Alice for their long friendship to the Professional Division, the PD presented Alice with an award. Author Robert Monroe, son of Alice and Emmett, recalled growing up as a nephew of Bob Monroe.

The Seminar program was packed with engaging and informative sessions—

The **Keynote Address** by Walter McFarland, *The Neuroscience of Change*, can be accessed at this link.

Walter Stock, then chairman of the TMI board of directors, offered an eloquent welcome to the Seminar.

Carol de la Herran, then executive director and president, delivered a lively *State of the Institute* address.

John Kortum, former TMI residential trainer and medical intuitive, introduced *The Kortum Technique: Adding perceptual value by liberating the expectations of the rational mind*—a medical assessment technique that translates visual metabolic cues that correlate to human body organ and systems imbalances with 93% accuracy. He demonstrated the power of perception in the health care industry and illustrated the significance of re-examining our intellectual routines that constrain thinking.

Bob Holbrook, TMI residential trainer and director of technology, presented the *TMI Tech Talk: SAM and More*. He discussed the analysis and development of the Spatial Angle Modulation (SAM) technology, version 2.0. The result—some exciting breakthroughs and opportunities for future consciousness tools. Holbrook is also presently working with individuals in the areas of addiction and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Around the World, with **Phil Davidson, Jose Sanchez Garcia, Thomas Hasenberger, Linda Leblanc, Luigi Sciambarella**, included an international panel discussion showcasing some of the exciting TMI Outreach, research, and education occurring globally.

W. J. Ross Dunseath, PhD, assistant professor of research at the Division of Perceptual Studies (DOPS), University of Virginia, presented *Psi Research at the MC Squared Program*. In 2011, TMI and DOPS began a collaboration in the study of psychokinesis (PK). At the DOPS neuroimaging lab, a central goal is to document psi performance and identify physiological conditions conducive to success. The MC2 program at TMI offers a tremendous resource for studying applied PK, allowing DOPS access to experimentation with talented and motivated groups and individuals. Using instrumentation constructed at DOPS for the sensing of PK events, three experimental sessions with MC2 groups have been run so far. The resulting data has been useful in the continuing development of new PK instrumentation and signal processing methods at DOPS. The results of the MC2 experimental sessions will be presented, with examples of the signals obtained and statistical results.

Camden C. Danielson, a partner at MESA Research Group, spoke on *The Development of Global Leaders: Implications of the Study of Long-Term Participation in TMI Programs*. Every age confronts some collective degree of psychic disturbance in the rise of a new or modern way of life that challenges an older, established understanding of the nature of things. However, given the speed of economic and technological development across the globe today, the clash of values is on a scale never seen before. Leaders, like the organizations for whom they provide guidance and direction, face the challenge of adapting their understanding of the world when their worldview is no longer sufficient to solving the problems they face. The qualities requisite to leading in times of an uncertain future, such as our own, show up in the participants of [the long-term] study.

James Lane, PhD, TMI research director, looked to the future with *TMI Research Directions*. Lane extended an invitation to the membership to contact him with research interest. His vision of the role includes developing TMI's research portfolio, encouraging and supporting people worldwide to conduct research using our tools and technologies, and establishing TMI as the focal point, the hub—the authority—in the application of binaural stimulation technologies.

Under the adept facilitation of **Allyn Evans and Becky Carroll**, the day-long **Reorganization Group Processes** aided the Professional Division in taking its next evolutionary step.

During the **Guided Exploration Day** participants experienced SAM 2.0 exercises as well as Hemi-Sync, aptly led by Bob Holbook.

TMI's outstanding **hospitality staff** created a delightful feast for the **closing festivities** up at Roberts Mountain Retreat. Big thanks to **Suzanne Morris** for again providing a lovely musical background with her hammered dulcimer.

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